



EVENT IDEAS FOR YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

If you're short on time:

- **Voting for the Children's and Teen Choice Book Awards:** Create a display featuring the Children's & Teen Choice finalists. Include a box and some printable ballots and allow patrons to vote in the library. Enter the votes in the group ballot at everychildareader.net/vote.
- **Storytime:** Read Children's Choice Book Awards finalist titles, books written/illustrated by Children's Book Week poster designers, or just read some of your all-time favorites. You can also use the "One World, Many Stories" slogan to create a theme for your storytime.
- **Special guest storytime:** Invite a local author or other special guest to read his or her favorite books. How about a local educator, TV or radio personality, or a scientist? A language teacher could host a bilingual storytime event.
- **Dress up all week long:** Encourage kids and/or adults to attend an event or storytime dressed up as their favorite children's book character. Take pictures and create a display board where patrons can also write their favorite children's book titles.

If you have more time:

- **Community event:** Host a community read-along, read-a-thon, or read-in.
- **Scavenger hunt:** Create a scavenger hunt in your library using book-themed clues. Team up with other businesses or your local bookstore and make this a community-wide hunt that begins and ends in your library.
- **"One World, Many Stories" community party:** Reach out to people and local businesses and community centers from different cultures and invite them to share crafts, books, and food from their cultures. Create a map display where attendees can draw pictures about where they are from.
 - **Games:** Get the older crowd involved with a children's book trivia event. Ask a local author to MC the event. How about Charades? Get kids up on their feet and acting out beloved books, new and old.
- **Partner with a local business or organization:** Team up to organize an event in your library or at another location. You can reach out to a sports league, afterschool activity program, zoo or animal shelter, or farmer's market. The local YMCA, Boys and Girls Club or a Boy/Girl Scout troop are also good options.
- **Multigenerational storytime:** Co-host a multigenerational story time at your local community center or nursing home.